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NEWARK—Members of the First Avenue Block Association clean up the North Ward's First Avenue Park as part of the Newark Department of Land Use control's five-week, ward by ward clean-up program.

Photo by William Rambo.

Senator Rice fights 'gridlock'

NEWARK—Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-Essex) is losing patience with what he refers to as Trenton's "one issue gridlock." He believes that the Governor and his colleagues in the legislature should get on to issues and problems that need solving. Rice referred to the issue of senatorial courtesy, and the future that has developed over Senator John Dorsey's refusal to sign off on the re-appointment of Superior Court Judge Mary Ann Espinosa Murphy of Somerset County.

Rice stated, "That is not to say that the issue lacks merit, and that the practice of senatorial courtesy should not be discussed at a later date. What I am saying is that this particular appointment has developed into an all-consuming issue that has one side and the other calling press conferences, involving the Chief Justice, the governor, organized groups, editorial writers and everyone else. We have an important election coming up. The Governor and the entire Legislature is up for election this year; but there hasn't been any significant dialogue to reach the public so that they can vote in November as informed citizens."

The senator presented a laundry list of issues that he referred to as "having direct impact on New Jersey residents and businesses." He pointed to the state unemployment figures, and noted that while the overall unemployment figures had gone down from 8.1% to 7.3%, the figures for urban cities and counties are as bad as before. "In Newark, Paterson, and Passaic the unemployment rate is 16.4%, 16.2% and 16.6% respectively; and the overall figures for Bergen County are far above the statewide figure."

Urban and state hospital aid has been cut by \$20 million; they are

hurting, yet are still expected to take care of sick people who are too poor to pay for medical care or medical insurance, the whole health insurance scene is a mess. As awful as the screaming Blue Cross Shield commercials are; equally awful is the fact that neither candidate for governor has offered a reasonable solution to the health care dilemma that will provide medical care for reasonable costs.

Rice continued, "I don't consider \$8,000 plus a year for a family to pay an HMO, where they have to use doctors other than their own, to be reasonable. How much is Blue Cross/Blue Shield paying out for those obnoxious screaming ads on radio and TV? I think the whole 'I haven't Republicans or Democrats called for an investigation of this so-called 'non-profit' institution's spending priorities? Will any of the \$18 million cut from the PAAD that provides prescriptions for senior citizens and the disabled be returned to the budget? Last year the cost per prescription went from \$2.00 to \$5.00."

Senator Rice noted that neither party seemed to want to debate the matter of auto insurance, even though rates have been increased, not decreased, under the two last governors.

Juvenile justice and youth training programs have been cut; the Homestead Rebate program is up in the air and nothing has been done to take the state takeover of the court system."

He criticized both parties for their inertia, stating that they're all exorcised by one judgeship, one issue. In the meantime, 7,350,187 other New Jersey residents and taxpayers want some answers.

AC African-American Holiday classic

NEWARK—Klassix Enterprises, Inc. of Newark, NJ, in conjunction with the Casino Association of New Jersey (CANJ), recently announced the sponsorship of the first annual Atlantic City Holiday Classic, designed to celebrate the heritage and accomplishments of African American colleges and universities by offering students, alumni, family and friends a three-day festival of athletic, social and business-oriented activities.

The anchoring event will be the John B. McLendon, Jr. Invitational Basketball Tournament, named in honor of the father of black college basketball. The Tournament will pit eight men's teams and four women's teams in a unique dual single-elimination format, with the two winners being crowned by Mr. John B. McLendon, Jr. All Tournament games will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center.

This first annual Tournament for Mr. McLendon, will be attended by a host of honorees (including Clarence "Big House" Gaines, of Winston-Salem State College, Nelson Brownlee of Claflin College & Robert "Bob" Hughes of Fort Worth, Texas), is a fitting recognition of their contributions and legacy to the sport.

In addition to The Tournament, The Atlantic City Holiday Classic will also offer a series of festive and educational events including, most notably, a fraternal fraternity "step-show" competition with representatives from America's largest Black Greek fraternities and sororities, a President's Commissioner's Ball, for the presidents and conference commissioners representing each of the participating colleges and universities, along with Alumni receptions, and business conventions held throughout the weekend.

Each of Atlantic City's twelve casino hotels will be acting as a

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John B. McLendon, Jr.

Essex churches get ready for school

NEWARK—In East Orange, Irvington, Orange, and Newark, children are dropping out of public schools in record numbers and heading straight for jail, the street, prison and, ultimately, death. The state government and major corporations, despite their current efforts, haven't made any substantial positive difference in the lives of urban school children.

The parents and the public along with clergy and lay leaders from East Orange, Irvington, Orange, and Newark, will take part in a Church Conference on Public Schools. The conference will be held at Queens of Angels RC church, 44 Irvine Turner Blvd., in Newark. The program is sponsored by the Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry (MEM) and the Urban Parent Education Institute.

According to Stephen Jones, Executive Director of (MEM), "Only a spiritual based movement, with the enrichment and moral development of our children at heart, can hope to make a difference. If it can be done, it is up to God's people to do it."

Parents, in most cases, know more about their children than anyone else. Being understanding and supportive, parents can help children to have a positive attitude. Involved

parents motivate children. Churches can be a source of spiritual support and inspiration. The church has a responsibility to ensure that the fundamental principle and divine providence is fulfilled, enabling every human to have the ability to think for themselves.

Churches are the oldest and most reliable institution in the community. As members of the community informed parents and churches contribute vitality and meaning to projects and are a valuable link between the home, the local school, the community, and the state consultants.

MEM is asking churches and other religious organizations to begin implementing a School/Church Partnership Plan in a coordinated effort to improve urban schools and help students succeed. The plan calls for members of congregations to work with parents, teachers, and administrators at their neighborhood school to develop and implement a school improvement strategy; and monitor school improvement. The conference will be held on Saturday, September 11, 1993 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.00 per person to register in advance call 201-481-6650.

Music deal gone bad

by Judith Guest

Linden natives; Eddie Lewis, and Brian Jennings better known as the group A-ly Us have extended the longevity for club music with their never ending b/w, "Follow Me." The record, has been out for well over a year, and is only now penetrating the south and has gained popularity and acceptance as far as Atlanta to the UK making combined record sales by the thousands. Quite impressive for a spontaneous arrangement that initially started off as simple fun.

Jennings insisted, "It was just fun, we kept going back and forth with it fooling around... We never knew it would be as big as it is now." All jokes aside, old or new, "Follow Me" continues to emanate on the dance floors across state lines conjuring up a frenzy. The firm and steady beat serves as an exhilarating live wire under the feet of wall flowers. For those already on the floor, it is like a second wind. All inhibitions are released. Accompanied orally, every-

one is guaranteed to make it to the dance floor. One would think they were rejecting in a Spiritual; and the lyrics are "as possible."

The lyrics is about bonding and obtaining freedom of the mind from the chains of racial hatred. "We're trying to teach and keep our music positive... It doesn't matter what you sing as long as you get your message across," explains Lewis. Jennings adds, "If we don't feel it, we won't write it."

The two young men were childhood friends, so when Lewis (a.k.a. Super), decided to start a group he asked Jennings (a.k.a. K-Lynn) to sing back-up. Jennings, a preacher's son, says he was born and raised in the church. "Basically I had no intentions of ever leaving the realm of gospel." Never-the-less, his parents were supportive.

According to Jennings, the name of the group derived from the fact that they were friends. "We are all friends, all allies, and it's just us," therefore, A-ly-Us was started. They

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Opinion...

Elders gives new ammunition to school choice advocates

by Candace de Russy

Once again, President Clinton has given a major boost to his opponents just by being himself. Just as Republican lawmakers were united by Clinton's record-breaking tax hike proposal, Dr. Joycelyn Elders' nomination to be Surgeon General may prove to be a godsend for advocates of parental choice in education (which Clinton opposes). The reason for this is simple: Dr. Elders' plans for America's public school children may prove to be enough to make every parent much more interested in which schools their children attend.

Just what does Dr. Elders have in store for us—and our children? A good place to start is the Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, where Dr. Elders sits on the Board of Governors. Planned Parenthood recommends some sex education activities which most of us would find bizarre. For example, children in kindergarten are asked to outline their parents' bodies and verbally label all

parts, including genitalia. By the third grade, Dr. Elders' group suggests that children construct models of reproductive organs out of ping pong balls, paper cups, straw, yarn, and cellophane bags.

And what should happen when children reach the ripe old age of eight? The Sex Information Education Council, which strongly supports Dr. Elders' nomination, suggests telling youngsters that "Boys and men have a penis, scrotum and testicles. Girls and women have a vulva, clitoris, vagina, uterus and ovaries. Both girls and boys have body parts that feel good when touched... Sexual intercourse occurs when a man and woman place the penis inside the vagina... Some men and women are homosexual, which

means they will be attracted to and fall in love with someone of the same gender..."

Certainly, anatomical differences must ultimately be discussed in any real sex education program. Nevertheless, expert and popular opinion to age-inappropriate instruction is rising. This opposition is based in part on such instruction is raising the "latency period," when, according to psychiatrist William McGrath, healthy young children are "not interested in sex" and when "premature interest... in sex is unnatural and will arrest or distract the development of personality."

And just when would Dr. Elders

like to see all of this begin? The sooner the better. "Give me the choice of trying to educate a three-year-old, or a twelve-year-old and I'll take the three-year-old every time." As public health director in Arkansas, Dr. Elders focused on the problem of teen pregnancy, and championed mass distribution of condoms as the solution. Asked if he would recommend distributing condoms in public schools, she replied, "Well, we're not going to put them on lunch trays, but yes."

Surgeon General Elders will undoubtedly promote the "value neutrality" which now dominates the education establishment. The way in which Dr. Elders' reductionist, contraception-dominated model of sex education disposes sex from that which gives it meaning (mystery, passion, love, personality, self-worth, integrity, family) is enough to alarm most every American.

Liberals like Dr. Elders often counter the moral opposition to their sex education agenda by citing the serious need to curb teen pregnancy and the transmission of sexually trans-

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Thomas honored at Economic Summit

ROSELLE—Karen Thomas, president and founder of Thomas Enterprises, a New Jersey-based events marketing firm, was recently honored at a



Karen Thomas

Corporate Luncheon during "The Economic Summit: A Push For Economic Empowerment" at the 22nd Annual Operation PUSH National Convention, in July. The honorees were selected by the Board of Directors of Operation PUSH for their community involvement, generous "giving back" to their fellow man, commitment to education, church involvement and spirit.

The company represents corporate, entertainment, and sporting events nationally and internationally. Some of the events produced by Thomas Enterprises include: The Essence Awards television show, the Sony Innovators Awards, and McDonald's GospelFest.



Operation PUSH "Women of excellence" awards program: (L-R) Dr. Willie T. Barrow, Operation PUSH National Board Chairman, ex-Plainfield Mayor Rick Taylor, Astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison, Christine Johnson, mother of "Magic" Johnson-Basketball legend, Delores Jordan, mother of Michael Jordan-NBA Basketball MVP, Janette Wilson, Esq. PUSH Chief Executive and Seated, Dorothy Jemison, mother of Astronaut Jemison. Photo by Beverly Sengstack



WASHINGTON, D.C.—John E. Jacob, third from left, President, National Urban League, and George L. Knox III, at right, Vice President, Public Affairs, Philip Morris Companies Inc., congratulate winners of the Herbert H. Wright Awards during the National Urban League Conference. The three recipients for 1993 are: (L-R) Leroy Holmes, second from left, Manager, Employment Practices, Duracell Inc.; Ingrid Saunders Jones, fourth from left, Vice President, External Relations, Equitable Life Assurance Co. At left is Ronald Harrison, Vice President, PepsiCo, Inc., and Chairman, Business Policy and Review Council. The awards are presented yearly to corporate executives who have excelled in working on behalf of humanitarian causes. The awards are named for the late Herbert H. Wright, a Philip Morris executive whose pioneering efforts helped pave the way for increasing numbers of minorities to enter major business corporations among whom he promoted the concept of good corporate citizenship.

Anne Banks goes National



Anne D. Banks

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Anne D. Banks, a financial planner and tax practitioner from Newark, recently attended and participated in the National Association of Tax Practitioners Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ms. Banks is the first African-American woman to serve as a member of the NATP Board of Directors. Ms. Banks manages PC Tax Prep Associates and hosts "Strictly Business" aired weekly on WJMR AM Radio.

Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

What the African-American woman must do

When African-American men are frustrated, they are attempting to release the many, many years of frustration that tormented them from the moment their loving parents told them how to be accepted in a white world. The techniques of restraint and inhibition are reaffirmed in almost every contact with white people and by even others of his own kind.

"Don't do this! — Don't do that! — Be nice! — Don't show your feelings!" From birth to the grave, these guidelines are constantly etched into his psyche until he almost becomes an acute neurotic. In essence, he is told: "Even though you are a man, you must act like a pacified child in your dealing with a white society. If you even attempt to act like you are strong and independent, you will lose your job, get kicked in the behind, and spend a part of your life in jail."

This is the reality of the condition of the African-American male in this society. The ability to endure the psychological strain is so overwhelming that the rate of strokes, heart attacks, emotional problems, and death dealing stress is almost 50 percent higher among our men, of every economic and social class, than among whites. It is a small wonder that drug addiction and suicide are decimating the ranks of our males.

You, the African-American woman, must know of the anger and hurt that your man endures, and that he has very little opportunity to release it. When you observe the tension building in your man, you must show empathy that no one else displays to him. You must let him release the hurt that holds within. You must even encourage him to let his feelings come forward. You must realize that he is a man who needs you to let him reaffirm his manhood. You must be his refuge. You must ask him to talk about his problems openly. He is strong enough to endure in a world that doesn't want him to succeed. You must be strong enough to stand by him and hold him emotionally.

If he gets angry, console him. If he cries, pamper him. Crying is a universal means of obtaining emotional relief. This, or any form of relief, may well lead to a decrease in self-hatred, a decrease in wife-abuse (that is often an unfortunate effort of males to assert themselves), and a decrease in drug abuse (which is often a means of momentarily forgetting his overwhelming problems). It might make the relationship better.

Of course, you must use common sense and never allow any male, of any frustration take out his anguish on you, physically or mentally. Being understanding doesn't mean being a fool. Being of color means being compassionate.

Send letters to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner, c/o City News P.O. Box 1774 Plainfield, NJ 07061.

Quote of the week:

*You may write me down in history
With bitter, twisted lies
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.*

Maya Angelou

Silas receives BOE award



IRVINGTON—Donald Silas, the former President of the Irvington Board of Education, was presented with a special award for his dedicated service as a board member. Silas served on the Board for three years and as president for the 1992-93 school year. He also served as vice president during the 1991-92 school year and headed the Board's Buildings and Grounds Committee for its entire term. Yoland Walton, Irvington Board of Education President (right) presents former Board president Donald Silas with a dedicated service award.



The Queen and her court

Miss Colligate African American 1993, Miss Rosalind Tomen White, (seated) is a musical theater major at Howard University. Shown here with her court and the hosts of the 1993 Miss Colligate African American Pageant are (L-R): Morris Chestnut star of "Boyz n the Hood", Third Runner-Up Miss Texas Southern University, Michelle Langham, Second Runner-Up Miss Morgan State College, Tiffany Macmillan, First Runner-Up Miss Oakwood College, Carmen Hope and Cynda Williams, star of "Mo' Better Blues."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

ELIZABETH—Elizabeth NAACP Youth Council presents "Video Wednesday," the film, A Question of Color will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at the Mow Walker Community Center. For more info call (908) 298-4669 or (908) 355-1156 after 5 p.m.

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Diploma Program on Computer Technology from 6 to 9 p.m. at 48 Cooper Square, Rm. 202; and Building Construction Management and Building Construction Management at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St. 4th Fl. For more info call 212-998-7080.

HACKENSACK—The Career and Life Counseling Center, 280 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, NJ, announces an Open House, at 9:30 a.m. Come and learn about the Center's services, training programs and our workshops. For more info call 201-343-6000, ext. 293 or 299.

NEW YORK—Hodari Ibeji Performing Arts Company will present a living repository of African dance, music and song, specializing in traditional Congolese and West African dances during Lincoln Center out-of-doors series. For more info call 212-875-5400.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Department has a FREE Baby Clinic for children up to 5 years of age every Tuesday and Thursday. Call for an appointment at 399-6652.

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Diploma Program on Bank Lending from 6 to 7 p.m., a Master's Program on Hospitality Industry Studies from 5:45 to 7 p.m. at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St., 4th Fl; and an Undergraduate Degree Program on College Ready Programs for Adults, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Main Building, 31 Washington Place, Rm. 404. For more info call 212-998-7080.

ELIZABETH—Union County presents "Summer Sights & Sounds," a free lunch time performance and exhibit series, featuring "More Contrasts" a musical improvisation, poetry & jazz featuring Charlie Kozler & friends, Wayne Smith, pianist & Hori Gordon, vocalist, from 12:20 p.m. at the County Park (adjacent to St. John's Parsonage, 633 Pearl St.). Bring lunch, lawn chairs or blankets. Free parking available.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

PISCATAWAY—Circo Players will hold auditions for the production "Other People's Money" at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 908-968-7555.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

IRVINGTON—The Township of Irvington will hold its "1993 Annual Summer Picnic" offering music, entertainment, pony rides, food, games and more, starting at 12 noon in Chancellor Park.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Jerseyland Park Community Center Annual Picnic. Chopped BBQ, Ribs, Fish & Chicken dinners, 12 noon until Rain or Shine. Call Con on out and see those old friends who you'll only see once a year. And make some new ones too. Chopped BBQ, Ribs, Fish Chicken. Call 908-232-9857 for info, to place your order.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

NEW YORK—Free Career Night at NYU. Come learn about Financial Market from 6 to 8 p.m. at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St., 4th Fl. For more info call 212-998-7080.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

EAST ORANGE—Plaza Village Community Market from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at City Hall Plaza. For more info call 201-266-5147.

IRVINGTON—Irvington General Hospital will have free PAP test and Breast exams for Irvington residents starting at 9:00 a.m. For more info call 399-6652.

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Diploma Program on Human Resource Management and Training and Management Development from 6 to 8 p.m. at 48 Cooper Square, Rm. 202. For more info call 212-998-7080.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Diploma Program on Direct Marketing from 6 to 8 p.m. at 48 Cooper Square, Rm. 202. Free Career Night at NYU. Come learn about Financial Planning from 6 to 8 p.m. at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St., 4th Fl. For more info call 212-998-7080.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional

Medical Center will be having a Breast Feeding Class. For more info call (908) 668-2355. Pre-registration is required.

NEWARK—A concert featuring the original jazz sounds of LIFE, will be held at 7 p.m. at the River Hill Art Park in Livingston to benefit the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, Inc. and agency that provides transitional homes and related services for children with AIDS. Suggested donations \$50.00 per person. For more info call (201) 453-4250.

ELIZABETH—Union County presents "Summer Sights & Sounds," a free lunch time performance and exhibit series, featuring "Regime To Broadway" with Ed Pilson, from 12:20 p.m. at the County Park (adjacent to St. John's Parsonage, 633 Pearl St.). Bring lunch, lawn chairs or blankets. Free parking available.

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Master's Program on Financial Management from 6 to 8 p.m. at 48 Cooper Square, Rm. 202. Free Career Night at NYU. Come learn about Financial Planning from 6 to 8 p.m. at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St., 4th Fl. For more info call 212-998-7080.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Unemployment and Poverty Action Committee invites you, your family and friends to attend a reunion for the 1963 participants in the March on Washington at the Helen Dwight Reid Educational Foundation, 1315 18th St. NW, 2nd Fl. The reunion will be a three day event.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

NEW PROVIDENCE—Sharing, a volunteer organization for handicapped, will hold a Thrift Clothing Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for three days, at the United Methodist Church, 1441 Springfield Ave.

NEW YORK—Free Open House at NYU. NYU will be having a Diploma Program on Real Estate at NYU Midtown Center, 11 West 42nd St., 4th Fl. from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more info call (212) 998-7080.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

TEANECK—The Bergen County N.A.A.P. presents "African Family Day '93" from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at The Band Shell and Picnic Area of Votaw Park. For more info call 857-6587.

EDITORIAL

A clear violation of rights

Somehow we're not relieved that the alleged perpetrators who robbed and killed James Raymond Jordan are in custody. This case should be carefully scrutinized since it brings to light practices of certain law-enforcement officials that are questionable at best and could be viewed as obstruction of justice very easily. The practice of disposing of remains in certain cases needs to be investigated.

The news of how police handled this black man who was murdered and cremated three days later represents a violation of his civil rights, in our minds. Law enforcement officials can not let this go as a simple robbery and murder.

Questions cannot help but come to mind. Jordan could have been the victim of a racist hate group. Or he could have been the victim of a kidnapping considering his son's position and wealth.

Were the actions of police officials calculated aiding in the cover-up of what really happened.

Or, it could have been the case where one more dead black man doesn't matter anyway.

Whatever the case may be, the American public should demand a full investigation and appropriate action taken against those officials who acted recklessly and carelessly.

We hope that the NAACP and others stay on the case. Finding and indicting these young men doesn't begin to answer or deal with the substantive issues that surround this case. We call on the United States Department of Justice to look into this case, not because its Michael Jordan's father but because the methods used in this case threatens the very civil rights we all hold dear.



Sharon Khadijah Vincent

President Clinton's new proposed anti-crime package contains three important elements which need to be supported. The passage of legislation designed to control the widespread use of handguns by requiring waiting periods for individuals who want to purchase handguns, the sentencing of first time offenders to boot camps, and the development of the Police Corps program, giving college scholarships and police training to students who are willing to make a four year commitment to police work.

There are simply too many handguns on the streets. Everyday we are bombarded with stories in the news about random, senseless shootings of innocent people by individuals who have obtained illegal handguns or some other type of assault weapons. Anything that can be done to control the spread of these handguns and assault weapons on the streets, need to be done. Requiring a waiting period to allow for a background check of an individual wishing to purchase a gun, will not infringe on a citizen's right to

bear arms as the conservative critics claim.

The passage of the Brady Bill, which calls for a five day waiting period on handgun purchases has been stalled in Congress for the past few years because of political deals and arm twisting by the powerful gun lobby.

President Bush was opposed to the legislation, so this will be the first time since the original bill was introduced, that there has been a president in office who will help support the bill and sign it, if Congress passes it.

The proposed plan to use closed military bases as well as other locations to establish boot camps to rehabilitate young, first time offenders, will help relieve some of the overcrowded conditions in our prisons. In addition, many of these young offenders will benefit from the discipline and structure of the boot camps, and should help many of them turn their lives around. As opposed to throwing these young people in with hardened criminals, some will at least have the chance to change their lifestyles from the de-

structive pattern they are currently on.

Encouraging young people from a diversity of backgrounds and groups to enter the law enforcement field, will bring in new and fresh ideas as well as individuals that will hopefully be more reflective of what America looks like. Requiring that those students selected, commit to work for a minimum of four years in the law enforcement field, is a fair exchange for having their college tuition covered. Since there is a need to break up the "old boys network" within many of the police departments and agencies across the country, the outreach to these new recruits will help with this effort.

The plan to also create a five year, \$475 billion program to help develop so-called "safe havens" in and around schools, is another important part of the bill which should receive approval. Hopefully, President Clinton will be able to get the support he needs for his anti-crime bill, without a lot of posturing and unnecessary long delays by the "still caught in bi-partisan gridlock" Congress.

Angola: Clinton's Double Standard

by Charles Kalina and Horace Cooper

Reward the Serbians.

Extend diplomatic recognition, praise Belgrade for its commitment to democracy and human rights, and blame the Bosnians for blocking efforts for peace in the Balkans.

If President Clinton did this today, Congress would begin hearings tomorrow on whether he was mentally competent to hold office. But that's exactly what the President has done not for Serbia, but for the repressive Communist government of Angola. Since October, the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) has pursued a brutal campaign of political repression and "ethnic cleansing," killing tens of thousands of its own people and throwing thousands more in prison.

The President's response? "Today we recognize those achievements" he proudly declared on May 19th, "by recognizing the government of the Republic of Angola."

"What hurt was the words that came with recognition," said Dr. Fatima Roque, an official of the opposition group UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) recently in Washington. "To say that it was a reward for democracy and human rights? We may be Africans, most of us may be black, but we're not stupid."

Which is more than can be said

for the President's new double standard in foreign policy.

President Clinton acted on misinformation from the pro-MPLA lobby in the State Department, which argued that UNITA resumed fighting the eighteen-year civil war after its leader, Josias Savimbi, failed to win supposedly "free and fair" elections held last September.

But in fact, UNITA accepted the results of the election in spite of widespread irregularities and ballot fraud (confirmed by the United Nations). Since no candidate won an outright majority, UNITA sent a high-level delegation to the capital city of Luanda to negotiate the parameters of a run-off election.

On October 31, as these negotiations were in progress, the MPLA attacked UNITA positions in Luanda and other major cities. So-called "anti-riot" police and mobs of supporters armed by the MPLA slaughtered civilians suspected of supporting the rebels. UNITA's two chief negotiators, Elias Salupena Penama and Jeremias Chinduna, were tortured and executed.

The mobs then launched an "ethnic cleansing" campaign against the Ovimbundu and Bakongo ethnic groups, from which UNITA draws considerable support. The Catholic Church estimates 20,000 or more have been shot, beaten or "necklaced" in Luanda alone. Two thousand political prisoners, including UNITA's elected members of parliament, are still being held in Luanda without adequate food or medical care.

UNITA, however, has few

friends in the U.S. State Department. Foreign policy sophisticates were never comfortable with the Reagan Doctrine's support for anti-Communist insurgencies like UNITA. They are more interested in Angola's \$3 billion oil industry, which exports 75% of its output to the U.S.

Recognition effectively repeals the *Grassley* amendment, which denied foreign tax credits to companies doing business in Angola.

So while President Clinton talks about a foreign policy based on promoting democracy and human rights, his recognition of Angola reflects more the commercial interests of

companies like Chevron, Texaco, Conoco and Citizens' Energy.

Are African-American leaders calling for sanctions and divestment? Organizing boycotts of companies that do business in Angola? Protesting outside the White House shouting

"No Blood for Oil?" Quite the opposite: it was African-American activists, including the Congressional Black Caucus, who pressured Clinton into

extending recognition. African-American leaders have always opposed UNITA, if for no other reason than Ronald Reagan supported it. Savimbi was backed by

South Africa and described communism as more oppressive than apartheid—a politically incorrect sentiment that won him few friends in the Congressional Black Caucus.

Some African-American activists have direct ties to the Angolan government. Randall Robinson, director of TransAfrica, lobbied Congress on Angola's behalf during the 1980s, calling Savimbi "Another Idi Amin." Ben Chavis, now Executive Director of the NAACP, helped the MPLA's propaganda effort in the U.S. while with the United Church of Christ's Commission on Racial Justice. In 1989 he paraded wounded Angolan children in Washington as victims of UNITA land mines. Luisa Inglo, an Angolan woman who accompanied the children, was billed as a "social worker," in fact she was a Soviet-trained propagandist and a captain in the MPLA Army.

Apparently the killing of tens of

thousands of black Africans doesn't bother America's black leadership—as long as it's done by other blacks. Ironically, the MPLA is now hiring South African mercenaries, and of the more than 2000 political prisoners, only the whites and mixed-race prisoners have been released.

UNITA and the MPLA agreed to 36 of 38 negotiating points in recent negotiations. Given the efforts of last fall, however, UNITA refuses to lay down its arms without security guarantees from the international community. President Clinton has lost much of this leverage in Angola by granting recognition, but if he can address these concerns, he may yet help mediate a peaceful end to years of civil war.

Otherwise, the killing will go on. As Dr. Roque put it, "Even if the elections were free and fair, Savimbi won 40% of the vote. It will take them a long time to kill everyone."

DOWN HOME

by Dr. John Cashin, Jr.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—"For 30 years, the EBONY list of the 100 Most Influential Black Americans has been the most accurate and the most widely quoted source on Who's Who and Who's What in Black America."

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In looking over the current Ebony Magazine listings of the "100+ Most Influential Black Americans," I am pleasantly surprised that I know 49 of them personally. Whether or not this admission makes me a name dropper should be determined by you, the reader, only after you have finished reading this column. I would even hope that you would read it at least twice before forming an opinion.

The purpose of this column is to wake up Black America, and especially my 49 personal friends in the Most Influential 100, to an embarrassing fact. And that fact is, no matter how strong, dedicated, powerful, or "influential" we are as individuals, that we are wasting precious time and valuable resources by not being organized and acting in concert.

Of course, it is almost impossible to organize and act in concert when there is no unanimous objective of sufficient importance and attainability to warrant consideration and action by such an eclectic collection of movers, shakers, and stars in their own right. On this point, it should be said that each individual on the list has earned their "100 Status" by advancing an important agenda of their own choice. Res Ipsa Loquitur! It speaks for itself! But it should also be said that "100 status" attainment is an indication of not

only individual success, but also the capacity to achieve greater things as an organized group. It is this potential which must be cultivated and focused if Homo Sapiens Africanus Americans is ever to be freed from the shackles of second class citizenship and amused contempt.

Is there an issue of such overwhelming importance and narrow specificity worthy of an organized, disciplined, and focused effort on the part of our 100 Most Influential Black Americans—and the people they influence? You can bet our collective lives there is! And it's time for us to wake up to the fact that the wolf already has his foot in the door!

The issue I wish to focus our collective talent and energy on is revealed to us by two statistics published recently by The Sentencing Project, of Washington, D.C. They are:

#1—Number of Black men, per 100,000 incarcerated in South Africa: 681 (Six Hundred Eighty One)
#2—Number of Black men, per 100,000, incarcerated in United States: 3,370 (Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy!)

In other words, There are five times more black men in prison in the United States than in our favorite racist regime of South Africa!

So, why do we get so worked up over South African racism when the problem is five times worse here in the United States? What is wrong with us? Are we a nation of fools? Why can't we see that the biggest threat to Africans is right here at home? Because American Africans are the most educated and economically advanced of Africans, strategically we need to build our own strength. If we allow ourselves to be

disciplined by the most serious threat to African Americans, I would like to hear, in writing if possible, from my 49+ friends from the "Top 100," and also from any others who recognize how serious this problem is, and want to do something about it. We need to get organized! R.S.V.P. I promise that I will not tell the public who did answer the issue, but I just might tell Ebony, this time next year, who didn't!

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Quote of the week

Color is not a human or a personal reality; it is a political reality.

James Baldwin



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NEW YORK—Weekend Workshop for children 4 and older at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Workshops will start 1 to 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198.

THRU AUGUST 18

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Soccer Club still has openings in its 1993 Home League Fall Soccer Program for city boys and girls ages 10 to 13. Players must be 10 years old by August 1. For more info, call Daniel Browne 908-755-4626.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

NORTH BRANCH—"Touch the Stars" a light-hearted look at the stars which focuses on astronomy activities for children, will be presented at the Raritan Valley Community College in the College Planetarium. For time and ticket info, call 908-231-8805.

THRU AUGUST 24

NEW YORK—Artist Book Workshop for children 6-12 yrs. at Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Workshops are from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. To register contact Kirk Tolchin at 212-274-0986.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

EAST ORANGE—Teen Festival at Edison Park, Springfield Ave. N. Park St. and Brighton Ave. from 2 to 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-256-5252.

THRU SEPTEMBER

NEW YORK—The Bronx Zoo will highlight amazing rare white alligators at the World of Reptiles. The park is located off the Bronx River Parkway (exit 6). Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekdays and until 5:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. For more info, 718-367-7010.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

NEW YORK—Weekend Paper Weaving Workshops at the Children's Museum of the Arts in SoHo. Starting every hr. between 12 and 3 p.m. For more info, call 212-941-9198.

National Science Olympiad Winners



IRVINGTON—Twelve students from Madison Avenue School won First Place recognition in this year's National Science Olympiad, a test which was given to fifth grade students throughout the United States and to students in Germany and Japan. Thirty-five students had perfect scores of 40, twelve of which were the students from Madison Avenue, according to National Science Olympiad President Joseph Quarataro. Quarataro also noted that at least 10,000 students took part in the testing process. Nelson Arroyo, Jarel Campbell, Latoya Ivory, Crystal Ling, Nicole Mitchell, Robert Moses, Sherwin Nelson, Shanel Richburg, Herbert OkeQuansah, Darek Robinson, Tileyah Robinson, and Tiffany Terrelongue were this year's winners. Each student was presented with a certificate and an achievement medal on behalf of the National Science Olympiad by Madison Avenue Principal Franklin Saunders during a special awards ceremony held at the end of the school year. Madison Avenue Principal Franklin Saunders, Assistant Principal Suzanne Steele (far left) Fifth Grade Teacher Elaine Malko (far right) with this year's National Science Olympiad winners. Each student was presented with a certificate and an achievement medal on behalf of the National Science Olympiad by Madison Avenue Principal Franklin Saunders during a special awards ceremony held at the end of the school year.

NEWARK—On Monday, August 16, 1993, at 5:00 p.m., at the Rick Cerone Field (Bloomfield Avenue & Lake Street - Newark), the "Newark Little League World Series" will be held. A result of Newark Council President Gary Harris' dream to unite the best teams into a citywide competition, this World Series is a first in Newark.

The competition is by double elimination, with the final game held on August 21, 1993 at the same location. Admission is free, and at the kick-off on the 16th, Council President Harris will throw out the first ball. The Councilman has invited Mayor Sharpe James and several Newark baseball legends to join him in the opening events.

Harris recently turned over Chairmanship of the Council's "Little League Committee" to South Ward Councilman Donald Bradley, also an avid youth programming enthusiast. The Council President previously worked for months to pull together teams, coaches, advisors and volunteers for a "Citywide Little League." He, with Committee members George Branch and Henry Martinez, and the coaches from all wards worked to develop guidelines, criteria, funding sources, coordination schedules and rehabilitation of the playing fields where needed. Through the Council, a \$50,000 appropriation was made.

During the planning process, assistance was received through the Office of the City Clerk, Office of the Mayor/Sanitation/Cultural Affairs and other departments, the Newark

Newark's first little league "World Series"

Board of Education, the County of Essex, Cablevision, and the University of Medicine & Dentistry of N.J. The Newark Police Department assisted by providing drive-by monitoring of the field.

Councilman Harris emphasized that this type of effort is important in developing the young people of Newark. "We cannot ignore the fact that organized sports plays a vital role in their growth. Here in Newark, we are fighting to reduce juvenile delinquency, apathy and feelings of hopelessness. This type of positive activity helps keep young people busy and motivated, and fosters healthier attitudes towards the challenges and rewards of competition."

Know a youth that's excited about success? Let us know! Send a brief bio and why your youth is excited to: YES, P.O. Box 191 Plainfield, N.J. 07061

YOUUSA holds family fun day

TEANECK—On Saturday August 21, Youth Organizations USA (YOUUSA) will sponsor a Fun Day In The Park for the entire community. Special features will include live performances by Gospel, Jazz, Poetry,

R&B and Rap artists. There will be food and craft vendors on hand.

Vendors and stage talents are still needed and interested individuals can contact Verna Rhoulach at (201) 894-1866.

Students excel in science at Governor's school

MADISON—When most people think of science students, the image that comes to mind is somewhere between "Revenge of the Nerds" and "The Absentminded Professor": young people able to effortlessly work a centrifuge or solve an equation but are inept and awkward outside the lab.

It's a stereotype that's taken years to develop—and one that can be dispelled in minutes by talking to the high school students at the New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences (GSS) at Drew University.

According to Associate Professor of Physics, James Supplee "These 90 students are among the best and brightest young science scholars in the state, chosen to participate in the Governor's School on the basis of top grades, PSAT scores, and teacher recommendations. And they also have astonishing records of achievement in music, art, the social sciences, volunteer work, and other fields."

The achievements and interests of the students do indeed run

across a startlingly wide spectrum. Jocelyn Fisher of Pittman, for example, is also a pianist, competing in the Keyboard Youth Auditions at the Academy of Music, and occasionally slips away from her work at Drew's music practice rooms.

Kariene Calta of Somerset publishes poetry in amateur anthologies, a natural step for someone planning to double major in science and creative writing. Moira Koch of Cape May plays stock market simulation games in an attempt to decide if she wants to be a scientist or a stockbroker. Mark Kramholz of Teaneck is a champion orator, competing in national tournaments in Lincoln Douglas debate. And Jared Friedland of Princeton Junction combines his interests in psychology and literature by writing essays applying Freudian psychoanalysis to the plays of Shakespeare.

The students of the Governor's School have also amassed

an impressive record of service to others. Kael Route of Glen Rock, a 1987 alumna of the GSS and currently a counselor, has built houses with Habitat for Humanity and studied Kenyan teenagers' knowledge about AIDS. Evan Fieldston of Tenafly sits on his hometown's Board of Education as the elected student representative of Tenafly High School. But it may be Julia Raiskin of River Edge who, unexpectedly, performed the most valuable service during this year's Governor's School.

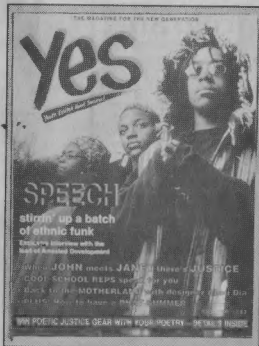
Professor Supplee recalled a unique experience with Julia. "One day we had several visitors, including the head of a major technical institute in Russia who didn't speak English very well, when Julia started translating for us in fluent Russian. Noting that the student's flawless English belies the fact that she arrived in the U.S. from Moscow less than four years ago. "So here we were, a bunch of Ph.D.'s sitting around talking about science and education with a teenager translating for us."

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Newark youths serve environment



NEWARK—Newark Recycling Coordinator Greg Neverson (left) gives last minute instructions to members of the city's Summer Service Corps as they prepare to spend a day distributing recycling information door-to-door and answering questions from residents. The volunteer effort was part of the recently-instituted national service initiative that the Clinton Administration has established in 16 cities throughout the US.

Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

WESTFIELD—Saint Luke's AME Zion Church, 500 Downer St., invites you to join with us in honoring Rev. & Mrs. Theodore Calhoun with an Appreciation and Farewell Service. at 4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

JERSEY CITY—Dennis Wiley's Ministries present New Jersey's 8th Annual Outdoor Gospel Music Festival featuring "The Elevators," The Gospel Cavaliers, Real Love Mass Choir and more. Special guest Pastor will be Rev. F.C. McClain D.D. The event will be held at P.S. 11 on Bergen Avenue at 2:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

SCOTCH PLAINS—Evangelical Church kicks off its 1993 season of outdoor lawn concerts every Sunday at 6 p.m. The church is located on 1251 Terrell Rd., Scotch Plains, N.J. Admission is free. For more info, call 908-322-9300.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

DUNELLEN—The Dunellen United Methodist Church is seeking artists and crafters for its 10th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Show. Tables are \$15 and are provided. Other extras are a lunch corner featuring homemade soups, salads and sandwiches, and a bake sale. For more information call 908-750-8252.

St. Luke's AME church honors pastor

WESTFIELD—On Sunday, August 22, 1993 at 4:00 p.m., the Saint Luke's AME Zion Church Family invites you to join with us in honoring Rev. & Mrs. Theodore Calhoun with an Appreciation and Farewell Service. After six years of dedicated service to God, St. Luke's and the surrounding community, Rev. Calhoun is being transferred to pastor the Shrewsbury Av. AME Zion Church in Red Bank, New Jersey. Our message will be brought by Rev. Monroe Harrison, pastor of Centennial AME Zion Church, Clisitor, New Jersey. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

'Not Just Diet' weight loss program

PLAINFIELD—"Not Just Diet" a 10-week program to promote weight loss and improve physical fitness, will begin classes on September 9, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Daytime classes meet from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and evening classes meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The program combines diet, behavior modification, nutrition guidelines and an exercise regimen. A registered dietitian meets with participants individually to develop a nutritional plan, while registered physical therapist provides an exercise program. The program fee is \$200.

For more information contact Peggy Martina, R.N., at 908-668-2317 or Carol Devine, R.N., at 908-668-2159.

Fight breast cancer

NEW JERSEY—The American Cancer Society will be presenting signatures to President Clinton during October 1993, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

In a nationwide campaign, President Clinton is being asked to adopt a comprehensive strategic plan to increase funding for cancer research and to ensure that our national health care reform plan will provide access to high-quality breast cancer early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and care for all women.

The American Cancer Society is currently funding 66 breast cancer research projects totaling \$17 million nationally.

For a petition, call 1-800-ACS-2345. Your participation will increase awareness about breast cancer, and will ensure that our national policy makers are aware of the facts and take action to fight this devastating disease.

Role models in the church

by Rev. Frederick A. Mason

On Sunday, July 25, 1993, African American Roman Catholic deacons and spouses, representing twenty-one dioceses around the United States, gathered in Louisville, Kentucky to form the National Association of African-American Catholic Deacons.

Among its many purposes, the national association will provide a national forum for African-American Catholic deacons to promote diaconal unity, address common issues and concerns about their ministry; further the spiritual and profes-

sional growth of African American deacons and their families, and enable them to speak with a common voice.

In addition, the Association will collaborate with the entire people and leadership of the African-American Catholic community, and promote the African-American family, especially the African American male as the primary charism of the Association.

The new Association received the endorsement of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate. Officers of the Association elected for a two-year term of office include the

Reverend Frederick A. Mason, a deacon, of the Archdiocese of Chicago as president; the Reverend Marvin Threalt, a deacon of the Diocese of San Diego as vice-president; the Reverend John Holmes, a deacon of the Diocese of Rochester as Secretary, and the Reverend Hilliard Lee, a deacon of the Archdiocese of Atlanta as Treasurer.

Roman Catholic deacons are ordained to their office and form part of the hierarchy of orders in the Church, which includes bishops, and priests. A deacon is a man who is ordained to undertake the many and varied tasks which face the Church today. Deacons

may be found in a variety of ministries including parishes, hospitals, prisons, alcohol & drug abuse counseling centers, homeless shelters, inner city housing developments, work with the unemployed, youth mentoring programs, and are involved in social justice issues.

As ordained clergy, deacons officiate at baptisms, marriages, and funerals, give homilies, assist the priest at Mass, and distribute the Eucharist (holy communion). Deacons cannot celebrate Mass or administer the sacrament of reconciliation.

The number of Catholic deacons in the United States is nearly 11,000. African-American Catholic is over

400. Ninety percent of African-American deacons are married with children, and have secular occupations in addition to their responsibilities as ordained clergy.

In the document, "Here I am Send Me: A conference response to the Evangelization of African-Americans and the National Black Catholic Pastoral Plan," the Bishops of the U.S. Catholic Church "point out the importance of the permanent diaconate for the evangelization of African-Americans," in concluding that, "the presence of African-American permanent deacons in our society today is a reminder... that there are African-American male role models present in the local Church."

SHARE food distribution

NEWARK—SHARE (Self Help And Resource Exchange) New Jersey, a statewide not for profit supplemental food distribution and community service program will accept orders for the August food distribution. According to Janette Carroll, Executive Director of SHARE, "The SHARE Food Program is open to any and all residents of the State of New Jersey."

Carroll stated, "Each month SHARE participants receive individual packages of fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen meat and poultry, plus grain and staple items at one of three hundred local centers which are set up throughout New Jersey."

Participants pay \$13.00 in cash or food stamps and agree to perform two hours of self directed service in their community in ex-

change for the top quality food which has a retail value of \$30 to \$35."

August 1993 is the ninety sixth consecutive month that the SHARE program has served residents of New Jersey. SHARE was founded in Newark in September of 1985, and now provides supplemental food to more than 50,000 individuals each month.

There are no income requirements to be a SHARE participant. Individuals can order one or more food packages, and there is no limit to the number of individuals and households that can be served.

Interested individuals can call one of three telephone numbers to get information about the program. In North Jersey the number is (201) 344-2600. In Central Jersey calls should be made to (609) 387-0500. In South Jersey the SHARE number is (609) 293-0466.

IYO plans health fair for Newark residents

NEWARK—Counseling, testing, and in date information regarding a wide array of health issues will be furnished to Newark residents of the Clinton Hill and West Side neighborhoods at a comprehensive all-day health fair scheduled for Wednesday, August 18.

James Wallace, Founder and Chairman of the International Youth Organization, cited, "As part of our overall Community Development endeavors, we want to place special emphasis on community health awareness and illness prevention, most particularly for women and children. Helping community residents learn more about health issues is critical to encouraging family self-sufficiency."

Among the services to be pro-

vided are childhood immunizations, lead poison screening, AIDS counseling and testing, drug abuse prevention education and counseling, childhood and family nutrition counseling, children's cancer screening and women's breast cancer counseling, blood pressure readings and hypertension counseling, tuberculosis screening and education.

Assistance will be provided from The Newark Community Health Centers, the University of Medicine and Dentistry, the Newark Department of Health and Human Services, the American Cancer Society, the Newark Pre-School Council, Prudential Insurance Company of America, Planned Parenthood of Essex County, Newark Emergency Services for Families, Beth Israel Medical Cen-

ter, Clinton Milk Company, Public Service Electric & Gas, and McDonald's.

According to Betty Hall, IYO Community Health Awareness Coordinator, "The health fair will serve as the logical culmination of our Summer Health Awareness survey and information dissemination efforts which we could never have accomplished without the direct assistance of our Summer of Service volunteers." Light refreshments including snacks and fruit juices will be served and free gifts, corporate tokens, trinkets and other knick-knacks will be available for all health fair participants.

The fair will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Woodland Avenue between South 12th Street and Pierce Street.

Union County rape center needs volunteers

ELIZABETH—The Union County Rape Crisis Center will hold its annual fall training starting September 28, 1993. Individuals will receive 40 hours of training addressing the many areas of sexual assault, including reactions of the trauma for survivors and family members, and

legal and medical aspects. Volunteers who work as crisis intervention workers on the hotline may provide emotional support or accompaniment at the hospital or through the court process.

Volunteers may also work on the Speakers Bureau or distribute information to the community. The fall training dates are: Tues., 9/28, Thurs., 9/30, Tues., 10/5, Thurs., 10/7, Tues., 10/12, Thurs., 10/14, Tues., 10/19, Thurs., 10/21, Tues., 10/26 and Thurs., 10/28 Thurs., 11/4, Tues., 11/9, Tues., 11/16 and Thurs., 11/18. Train-

ing sessions run from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Services include individual and group counseling, a 24-hour hotline, speakers bureau, in-service training to hospital personnel, law enforcement and mental health professionals, consultation to professionals working with survivors and information and referral.

All services are free and confidential. Individuals interested in becoming volunteers may contact the center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an interview at 908-233-7273.

Beth Israel holds blood drive

NEWARK—Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is holding its annual blood drive on August 24, from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Board Room, located in the main lobby.

Participants are asked to bring a donor card or social security number. Refreshments will be served.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

NEW YORK—Mito Z will perform at Manny's Carwash (Home of the Blues) at 6 p.m. For more info, call 212-969-2563.

THRU AUGUST 20

WOODBRIDGE—A group which is coordinated by Editor artist Anne Van Blarcom Kurkowski will be showing their work at the Barron Art Center. For more info, call 908-634-0413.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

EAST ORANGE—Hometown Jam at Rowley Park at 6 p.m. for more info, call 201-266-5252.

NEWARK—RAB Jazz Fridays Afterwork at the Top Brass presents Louis Keel, saxophonist, at 6:30 p.m. located in the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. For info or reservation call 201-622-1000.

THRU AUGUST 21

NEW YORK—Lincoln Center presents it's 27th Mostly Mozart Festival. All concerts will start at 8 p.m. For ticket info, call 212-876-5370.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

EAST ORANGE—Caribbean Carnival at Elmwood Park on Elmwood Ave. and Rhode Island Ave. Carnival will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info, call 201-266-5252.

NEW YORK—The Studio Museum in Harlem will inaugurate performances in its newly constructed sculpture garden with a dance performance by Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane and Company at 7 p.m. Raindate, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. For more info, call 212-864-4500, ext. 237.

THRU AUGUST 22

NEW YORK—The Studio Museum in Harlem is presenting a major retrospective exhibition of the life work of self-taught American artist Elijah Pierce (1892-1964). For more info, call 212-864-4500.

TRENTON—Space Day at the New Jersey Museum, 205 West State St., Trenton, NJ. For more info, call 609-292-6308.

NEW YORK—Natalie Cole will perform at Westbury Music Fair. For more info call 516-334-0800.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

SYRACUSE, NY—Acclaimed hip-hop group The Pharcyde and Kris Kross will perform at the Fairgrounds.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

NEW YORK—Betty Carter will perform at the Blue Note, 131 West 3rd St., until Sunday, August 29. Ticket \$25; \$15. Showtimes 8 p.m. & 11:30 p.m. For more info call 212-475-8592.

THRU AUGUST 27

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Museum offers special summer weekday programs for fun and learning. These programs are offered on a first come, first served basis. For reservations call 609-292-6347.

NEWARK—R&B Jazz Fridays Afterwork at the Top Brass presents Gail Nyan & her trio, female vocalist at 6:30 p.m. located in the Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Place. For info or reservation call 201-622-1000.

Winning big at Soul Train comedy awards

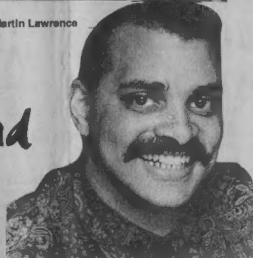
LOS ANGELES—Whoopi Goldberg, Martin Lawrence and Fox Television's "In Living Color," each captured two awards at the First Annual Soul Train Comedy Awards, taped before a live audience at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Richard Pryor made a surprise appearance, joining executive producer Don Cornelius in presenting Arsenio Hall with the evening's top award, the Richard Pryor Entertainer Of The Year Award.

In the program's most emotional moment, Hall acknowledged Richard Pryor's contribution to the comedy field. "If you're doing stand-up comedy and you haven't stolen something from Richard Pryor, you're doing it wrong." Other highlights of the show included musical performances by L.L. Cool J. and Bell Biv DeVoe as well as appearances by presenters Keenen Ivory Wayans, Damon Wayans, Jasmine Guy, Paul Rodriguez, Marsha Warfield, Leeza Gibbons, and Kadeem Hardison. The show, hosted by Sinbad and Debbie Allen, was taped on Tuesday, August 3 and will air in first-run syndication nationally from August 16-22, 1993. The telecast will be aired by over 110 stations, covering 90 percent of U.S. Black households.



Tisha Campbell and Martin Lawrence

Sinbad



Winners of the Soul Train Comedy Awards represent the year's funniest performers who specialize in African American humor while working in television, film and stand-up comedy. Nominees and winners in the film and television categories were selected through a broad-based poll of over 3,000 African-American TV viewers and movie-goers, including radio station program directors, managers of retail music and video outlets, recording artists, stand-up comedians and actors and actresses working in the comedy field. Nominees in the live stand-up comedy category were selected by judges at the inaugural Soul Train Comedy Show-down held at the Roxy in Los Angeles June 22-24, 1993.

Whoopi Goldberg won the awards for best actress for her role in "Sister Act," and favorite stand-up female comic. Martin Lawrence also walked away with two awards, favorite stand-up male comic and best actor in a TV sitcom. Sinbad won an award for his stand-up act "Brain Damaged."

Other winners include Jasmine Guy for her role in "A Different World," Kim Wayans, "In Living Color," Damon Wayans, "In Living Color," and Eddie Murphy, Best actor in a motion picture, "Boomerang."



Whoopi Goldberg

Stepping Razor Red X

Tale of Reggae Legend Peter Tosh: his mysterious life and death

Film Forum is pleased to present the New York premiere of "Stepping Razor Red X," a complex portrait of reggae musician Peter Tosh.

The movie combines concert footage, rare archival materials, interviews, and investigative reporting into (and dramatic re-enactments of) the events surrounding his murder in 1987.

"Key to the film is Tosh's 'Red X' tapes," the artist's tape-recorded diaries, which were discovered following his death. Peter Tosh, an original member of The Wailers (with Bob Marley and Bunny Wailer), was part Jamaican folk hero, part prophet, part political activist.

A product of Trench Town, Kingston's brutal ghetto, Tosh helped transform reggae into a worldwide phenomenon.

Dubbed "The Jamaican Malcolm X," his conversation and lyrics mixed talk of equal rights, justice and colonialism with a personal brand of mysticism that brought in the devil, vampires and much more.

After Tosh's violent death, his huge funeral took on the significance of a national event.

"Stepping Razor Red X" will have a 2-week run, August 18-31, at Film Forum, 209 West Houston Street, with screenings daily at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Rachelle Ferrell at Club Bené

Singer, songwriter, Rachelle Ferrell, will be performing in concert at the Club Bené Dinner Theatre, located on Route 35 in Sayreville, on Saturday, August 21, at 9:00 p.m. for one night only.

Rachelle is currently touring in support of her debut LP, "The Captain Records" titled aptly "Rachelle Ferrell." This LP has spent the better part of the last year topping the R&B Album Charts of Billboard magazine. Just a few of the hit singles spawned from the LP include "Til You Come Back To Me, With Open Arms, I Know You Love Me, Waiting, and Too Late."

Pennsylvania bred Rachelle Ferrell possesses a six and a half octave range, and certainly shows it off in her "Rachelle Ferrell" LP. Rachelle has composed over 200 songs since 1976, she wrote or co-wrote 10 cuts on the album including the opening track "I'm Special."

The production team consisted of none other than Freddie Washington, Ricky Lawson, Paul Jackson and George Duke.

For further information or to reserve to spend an evening with Ms. Rachelle Ferrell call Club Bené at (908) 727-3000.



FOX Fall Preview: 'Living Single'



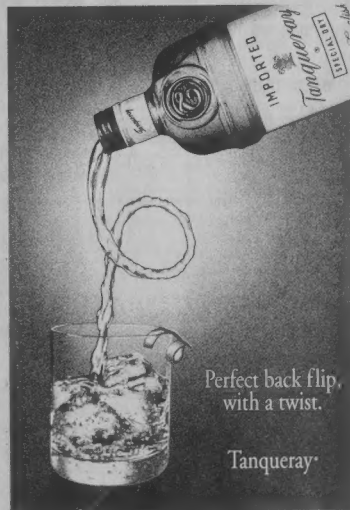
cast of Living Single

Living Single is a fresh half-hour comedy starring rap music artist Queen Latifah, Kim Coles ("In Living Color"), Kim Fields ("The Facts of Life") and Erika Alexander ("Going to Extremes"). The series follows four upwardly mobile African-American women living in New York City and trying to make sense of their lives, their loves and their careers.

Three of them share a brownstone: Khadijah James (Queen Latifah), the nononsense, enterprising founder of Flavor Magazine, an urban everything-you-need-to-know guide written from a women's point of view; Synclaire James (Coles), her adorable yet often naive cousin, who also works at the magazine; and Regine Hunter (Fields), Khadijah's childhood friend and a beautiful, insecure social climber whose fervent wish is to marry a rich, handsome man who will take care of her.

A frequent visitor to the brownstone is Maxine "Max" Shaw (Alexander), a tough, man-eating divorce attorney who is Khadijah's college roommate and remains her best friend.

Providing a distinctively male point of view are the girls' neighbor, Kyle Barker (T.C. Carson), a self-proclaimed ladies' man, and his roommate, Overton Wakefield Jones (John Henton), the building handyman, who has a knack for gadgets and a flair for telling tall tales to get attention—especially Synclaire's.



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Business Calendar

AUGUST 19-21

LOS ANGELES, CA — Blacks in Government Fifteenth Annual National Training Conference "Creating a Climate of Change" at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. Only national training conference specifically geared to the concerns of black public servants. For info call 202-867-3280.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

PATERSON — Small Business: How to get started, a family educational workshop at the Paterson Free Public Library. FREE. For info call 201-357-3003.

AUGUST 24-27

NASHVILLE, TN — National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Nashville Convention Center. For info call Tennessee Minority Purchasing Council at 615-371-8980.

AUGUST 25-29

DALLAS, TX — National Black Chamber of Commerce Sixth Annual Conference at the Radisson Hotel, William G. Mays, Chairman and CEO, Mays Chemical Company will keynote the conference. For information call 214-421-5200.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

HOUSTON, TX — National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Radisson Hotel, William G. Mays, Chairman and CEO, Mays Chemical Company will keynote the conference. For info call Houston Business Council at 713-974-0286.

SEPTEMBER 9-10

NEW ORLEANS, LA — National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Louisiana Superdome. For info call Gulf South Minority Purchasing Council at 504-523-7110.

SEPTEMBER 10

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — National Minority Supplier Development Council Business Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center. For info call Minnesota Minority Purchasing Council at 612-378-0381.

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Blacks in Government 15th annual conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Blacks in Government (BIG) will hold its 15th Annual National Training Conference in Los Angeles, California, August 19 - 21, at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel. The conference theme is "Creating a Climate of Change."

BIG president Maroin A. Bowden, remarked that the organization hopes to make the most of the current positive environment for change by helping its membership

tune in to the latest developments that will affect them in the workplace and in the community.

More than 3,000 government workers are expected to attend the conference, the only national training conference specifically geared to the concerns of black public servants.

National leaders, public officials, policy makers, and grass roots advocates will address a broad range of public service issues. More than 70 workshops, forums, and plenary sessions will be presented, covering topics related to human resource management, career development, environmental equity, law enforcement, and substance abuse in the workplace.

Individuals in the public and private sector invited to address the conference include: U.S. Rep. Maine Waters (D-CA); former Congressman William Gray, III, currently director of the United Negro College Fund; Benjamin Chavis, NAACP executive

director; and Willie Brown, Speaker of the California State Legislature.

BIG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of government workers at the federal, state and local levels. It consists of more than 170 chapters established around the country, from Alaska to Florida. The organization seeks to promote a higher standard of public service through equality of opportunity.

"The BIG conference continues

to be the most intense training experience available to government workers," Bowden stated. "It fills the gap between the real world—where people feel the impact of the quality of public service—and the government workplace, and presents the issues from a perspective that may not otherwise be available to many public employees." For registration fees and other information, contact Toni Martin at (202) 667-3280.

Third bi-annual MOBE Symposium Duvernay speaks at NBCC conference

CHICAGO, IL — It's black, and promises to be more dynamic than the previous symposiums. The third bi-annual advanced marketing symposium "Marketing Opportunities in Black Entertainment" (MOBE III), is scheduled for September 13 through September 18, at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago.

On a twice annual basis, leading marketers attending, explore the growing \$270 billion spending power of the African American consumer market. With numbers such as these successful marketers rely on MOBE to keep them abreast of new calculated marketing plans to tap into this viable consumer base.

Previous MOBE symposiums have brought together industry leaders in the sports marketing, music, video retail, film, radio, television, entertainment and apparel industries. These innovators examine the market potential and share successful marketing results they've experienced through innovative and pioneering efforts.

Teaming Black entertainment with the right consumer goods from

categories like fast food, soft drinks, personal care and packaged goods has garnered impressive results.

Past participants have included Deborah Langford, vice president, television development, Quincy Jones Entertainment, David Harston, president, Def Jam Recordings, Inc., Bill Lamar, assistant vice president marketing, McDonald's Corporation, entertainer and comedian, Sinbad, Bill Perreault, vice president marketing, Columbia TriStar Home Videos, and Monty Ross, vice president, Forty Acres + A Mule.

The symposium will explore topics that include "Marketing to Youth," "How to Entertain, Honor and Prosper," "What's Marketable, Who's Watching," and "Basketball: The African Ballet—How To Slam Dunk The Competition." Panelists include executives from Sony, Essence Magazine, Burrell Communications Group, Chicago Tribune, The House of Seagraves, East West/Atlantic Records, and Anheuser-Busch. For further information call 312-324-5200.

DALLAS, TX — Terrence R. Duvernay, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), will be a principal speaker at the Sixth Annual National Black Chamber of Commerce (NBCC) Conference this summer.

The conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, August 25-29, 1993. Duvernay, who has worked in a number of capacities for HUD for more than a decade, will address the issues involved in making housing affordable and accessible to low-income people.

The NBCC was organized in 1983 to promote the growth and development of black-owned businesses nationwide, and to support statewide black chambers of commerce. For more information regarding the conference, please contact Thomas Houston or Dvornik Evans at (214) 421-5200. For hotel reservations, please call the Radisson Hotel at (214) 351-4477 or 1-800-333-3333.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge is seeking proposals from attorneys or law firms to serve as the Authority's General Legal Counsel for the period commencing October 1, 1993 and terminating September 30, 1994. Proposals will be received using quality/merit factor with the corresponding relative weight.

Attorneys submitting proposals to the RFP must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Jersey and must not be under sanction from NJ Bar.

Parties interested in submitting proposal in response to the RFP should contact Ms. Madeline Cook at (908) 634-2750, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays and request a detailed RFP, which will more fully state the requirements of the proposal. Proposals must be received at the Office of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, 10 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095 by 11:00 a.m. August 26, 1993 in order to be considered.

MADLINE COOK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE
8/11/93

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LEAD BASED PAINT TESTING SERVICES

The MorrisTown Housing Authority is requesting proposals from qualified firms for the Lead Based Paint (LBP) Testing Services for the HUD Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP).

Proposals will be accepted until August 27, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in providing this LBP testing service, please apply during business hours for a copy of the Request For Proposal (RFP) at:

MorrisTown Housing Authority
31 Early Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Irvington is inviting proposals from professional accounting firms regarding appointment as Independent Fee Accountants to the Authority.

The Proposal should encompass the following areas of responsibility:

1. Financial Statement preparation for Low Income Housing and Section 8 Voucher & Certificate Program, and Annual Audit of same.
2. Operating Budget preparation and submission under HUD guidelines for Low Income Housing, Section 8 Voucher & Section 8 Certificate, and Contract Administration Units.

3. Preparation, submission and review of Annual Contributions Contract Reports.

4. Preparation, review and submission of HUD schedules for MOD, Comprehensive Grants, CIAP, and other programs and procedures.

Qualifications should include:

- A) A complete knowledge all HUD Handbooks, Regulations, and Forms required.
- B) Sufficient staff for interaction with Irvington Housing Authority staff to meet appropriate deadlines.
- C) Working experience within a local or regional area for another Housing Authority, and appropriate references.

All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Professional and Technical experience as evidence of ability to perform work.
2. Capability to perform the professional services in a timely manner.
3. Past performance in terms of cost control quality of work and compliance with performance schedules.
4. Knowledge of HUD financial and accounting regulations and practices.
5. General response to the invitation.
6. Proposed fee schedule.

Submittal should include profiles of firm, principals, and staff, evidence of current firm registration and material payment bond, written by a surety listed in the most recent edition of New Jersey State Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with such sureties as they may approve.

All Bids must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit an affidavit certifying that said corporation is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1976, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination" and "Affirmative Action", and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Ownership.

Interested accounting/consulting firms should respond by September 1, 1993 to:

Patricia Weston Rivera, Esq.
Executive Director
Irvington Housing Authority
624 Nye Avenue
Irvington, New Jersey 07111

LEGAL NOTICE

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PUBLIC Notice hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Town of MorrisTown (hereinafter called the Authority), in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority on September 13, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in bids and to reject any and all bids if it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

If you are interested in providing services for this bid, please apply during business hours for a copy of the bid documents at:

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The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable performance and Labor and Material payment bond, written by a surety listed in the most recent edition of New Jersey State Department of the Treasury, as the Authority may prescribe and with such sureties as they may approve.

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Passaic (hereinafter called the Authority) will receive sealed bids for: Site Renovation/Modifications at Spivey Village NJ 13-1.

The Bid Opening will be held at 12:00 noon (prevailing time) on Friday, September 3, 1993 in the Board Room of the Authority, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey. NO LATE BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

A voluntary pre bid conference will be held on Tuesday, August 24, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Administration Office located at 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office, 333 Passaic Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07055 in the Purchasing Department or at the Pre-Bid Conference. A non-refundable charge of \$25.00 (in check form) will be required to obtain plans and specifications.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in bidding.

Bids will be awarded only to the corporation or other entity under whose name qualifications, pre-qualifications (where provided for by the Authority and applicable) bonding documentation and other documentation are submitted. Corporate affiliates, subsidiary or parent corporation or related entities are not automatically qualified.

Firms choosing to submit their bids via the "United States" mail are required to have said mail delivered prior to appointed bid opening time. Proper consideration must be given to allow for weekends and holidays.

The Authority will only accept original and originally executed bidding documents (including but not limited to the Bid, Affidavits, Qualification Questionnaire, Statement of Ownership, Statement of Compliance, Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Certificate as to Corporate Principal, HUD Directive, and Affirmative Action).

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashier check to the office of the Authority for five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid or a bid bond for a like sum executed by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey.

An appropriate surety's consent by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey and on the approved list binding itself to become Surety for the full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract for the protection of all persons furnishing materials or labor service (5% of bid amount) is also required in all cases. A consent of surety must be submitted with either type of surety (5% of bid amount) including a certified or cashier's check and/or bid bond.

Bid Bond, Consent of Surety, Performance and Payment Bonds must be obtained from Bid Bond/Surety Companies listed on the Federal Register "Department of the Treasury" Circular 570. The register will be provided with all documents.

All bids and security must be enclosed in properly sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder and the title of the bid contained therein.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) of the contract price.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the date of the bid without the consent of the Authority. Schedule of Withdrawal and administrative charges are included with the bid documents.

DATE: AUGUST 11, 1993 M. RUSSANO
PURCHASING AGENT

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Photocopies and/or teletype copies of such documents will not be accepted in lieu of originals.

NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is inviting Proposals for Public Housing Management Consulting Firms regarding a HUD funded Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The proposal involves Management Improvements Intending to develop a comprehensive Management Plan, staff evaluation system, management information system (MIS) and an internal control system.

All proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Professional and technical experience as evidence of ability to perform the work
2. Past performance in terms of cost control quality of work and compliance with performance schedules
3. Knowledge of HUD Public Housing management regulations and practices
4. General response to the invitation
5. Proposed fee schedule

Submittal should include profiles of firms, principals and staff, evidence of current New Jersey registration and a certified statement that the management consultant or firm is not deemed, suspended or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any federal, state or local agency.

Interested management consulting firms should respond by August 23, 1993, to:

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Spotlight

by R.L. Greene

NEW YORK—Reggie Jackson may have been this year's only inductee into baseball's Hall of Fame, but he wasn't alone. At the ceremony in the upstate community of Cooperstown, Reggie was joined by Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Monte Irvin and Ernie Banks, along with most of the other surviving members of baseball's shrine.

Missed at this year's festivities was one of the most beloved Hall of Famers, Roy Campanella, now freed from the bonds of his wheelchair, must be once again playing the game of his youth with the other immortals who have long since left this world. For years, Campanella was one of the most beloved players in Cooperstown. When he wasn't surrounded by fans who wanted his autograph, he was surrounded by other former players who wanted to bathe in his wit and his wisdom.

He was, like Aaron and Banks and Mays and Aaron and Irvin, one of the rapidly dwindling players who played in the Negro Leagues before moving into organized baseball when the color ban was lifted. Campanella joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1948, a year after Jackie Robinson became the first Black to play in the majors in the modern era. Blacks were in the major leagues before the turn of the century.

In 1969, Campanella again followed Robinson, becoming the second Black player to be elected to the

Hall of Fame. "Roy did not want to mix in the politics of it. He wanted to play the game." Former Brooklyn pitcher Clem Labine said. "He's the personification of the game, of the ballplayer who played for the game and not just for the money."

Campy also was the first Black manager in organized baseball, with the Nashua (N.H.) Dodgers, his first team after signing with Brooklyn. He recalled in an Art Rust Jr. book that the playing manager at Nashua was Walter Alston, who was ejected from a game in Lawrence, Mass.

"We were losing by one run in the late innings," Campanella remembered. "I put Don Newcombe in to pinch hit for someone. Newk came through with a home run with a man on base and we won the game by one run."

While Robinson pioneered the difficult desegregation of baseball, Campanella was no less a popular figure. The Dodgers and New York Yankees drew a crowd of 93,103 to the Los Angeles Coliseum for a Campanella managed game in 1959. Thousands more were turned away from what is still the largest crowd to attend a game between major league teams.

Campy was 28 when he reached the majors, old for a rookie. But he had played for more than a decade in the Negro Leagues before the Branch Rickey-Jackie Robinson sociological revolution ushered him into the Dodgers lineup. And while Robinson often displayed a probably justifiable surly side, Campy was always all smiles. "You have to be a man to play this

game," he once said, "but you have to have a lot of little boy in you."

Despite his success, Campy never forgot his roots. When the players gathered in Cooperstown, both those who toiled in the majors as well as those whose careers were limited to the Negro Leagues because of the color of their skin, he loved to tell stories of those years on the buses, catching both ends of a doubleheader in the morning in one town, then playing nine more innings in another town that night.

He was a terrific right-handed hitter: 242 home runs and 856 RBIs in 10 seasons. Behind the plate, he was always thinking a pitch or two ahead, always helping his pitcher set up hitters. And when trouble developed, Campy would sweet-talk his pitcher through tough spots. Campy arrived in the majors in 1948, and he won Most Valuable Player awards in 1951, 1953 and 1955.

In January 1958, Campanella, driving home on a rain-slicked Long Island parkway, skidded and crashed, suffering a broken neck. He would never walk again.

But his smile never wavered, and his skill as a teacher continues today to aid the Dodgers. Unfortunately for us, the stories now are only memories.

Plainfield Hosts 7th annual paddleball tournament

PLAINFIELD—The Seventh Annual Union County Paddleball Tournament will be held in Cedar Brook Park, Plainfield, on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, 1993. All paddleball enthusiasts are encouraged to participate. Trophies will be awarded for singles and doubles play. Saturday will consist of the doubles matches, while singles will take the court on Sunday. Play-

ers should report to the courts in the park by 8 a.m. on the day they wish to compete, in order to register. In case of rain, the tournament will be held the following weekend, August 28-29, same time and place. Cedar Brook Park is conveniently located off Park Avenue in Plainfield. For further information, contact Thomas Warren at (908) 757-2772.

Black Entertainment Television August sports line up

WASHINGTON—BET Sports will present a 30-minute special "Tribute To Arthur Ashe" Saturday Aug. 28, at 7:30 p.m. EDT, featuring highlights from a week-long memorial celebration sponsored by the American Tennis Association (ATA) held in Ashe's hometown of Richmond, Virginia, Aug. 1-7.

The show will include a retrospective of Ashe's life with highlights of his athletic and personal accomplishments. Interviews are planned with some of the many public figures scheduled to be in atten-

dance including Althea Gibson and Virginia Governor, L. Douglas Wilder.

NBA superstars Michael Jordan, Moses Malone, David Robinson and NBC's Ahmad Rashad headline the list of personalities appearing as part of BET's coverage of the Charles Barkley Golf 21 Classic, Aug. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Charlie Neal and Video LP host Madeline Woods will host the half-hour program featuring highlights and interviews from this charity event benefiting children's or-

ganizations. The event was held July 17 at the Walt Disney World Resort.

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Atlantic City Holiday Classic

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"host/site," for each of the twelve colleges and universities that are participating in the Basketball Tournament. In addition, there will be a "Salute to Excellence" Stay in School Program incorporating high school youth in the New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania areas.

According to Howard Bacharach, Chairman of the Special Events Committee of the CANJ and Seltzer vice-president of Operations/Administration of Caesars, Atlantic City, "We are delighted to be able to open our arms to the African-American community and support the principles of growth and achievement embodied in The Atlantic City Holiday Classic." Enterprises, Inc., a significant

portion of the net proceeds from the classic will be donated to a number of charitable entities geared to offering opportunities for higher education to African-American youth.

As stated by Bill Osborne, President of Klassix Enterprises, Inc., "the donations will reinforce the classic's goal of enhancing the prospects for African-American youth, while affirming the need for support of historically Black colleges/universities."

The classic will run for three days, from Friday December 17, 1993 until Sunday December 19, 1993. For further information please contact Jack Johnson, Klassix Enterprises, Inc., 9 Lincoln Park, Newark, NJ 07102 or call (201) 643-1110.

Music deal gone bad

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may be allies to each other, but rocky terrain lies between them and Strictly Rhythms Inc. The label that bears "Foxy Me" and a fairly new club song of theirs called "Time passes on."

According to Aly-Us and their producer Diane Rysor, they were denied an opportunity of a music video and have yet to receive their royalties. Strictly Rhythms' president, Mark Singlestein said, "There is no venue to play house... no avenue to expose it." He also says that he has never seen a record behave the way follow Me did. "Typically dance music has a six to eight week life."

We were able to speak to the record label's promotion director, Brian G. At first, she wasn't even sure whether the group was still signed with them, after she was informed that they were still with the label, she wasn't able to give us any information regarding the amount of record sales but proclaims they still promote the group.

Barri G. said she was not familiar with the situation regarding royalties, but she did have quite a mouthful to say about them being denied a video. "They were denied a lot of things because they got greedy and thought they were superstars." "If we were R&B, it would be a lot easier." Their attitude got out of control" she also claims. "None of our groups on our label have videos." She protested that "club/house music" rarely gets any air-play because radio sees it as "Gay black music". Strictly Rhythms exclusively promotes House music but expresses such a bleak outlook.

Should this opinion or relayed comment have any validity, it makes you wonder why would any record label promote something they did not have confidence in? Another question is, what kind of possible encouragement and promises are being pumped into the heads of newly discovered talent?

Lewis and Jennings mentioned

that they were disappointed about the label not having faith in them. "We feel that we should have been paid, and been their first priority based on what we achieved," explained Lewis. Jennings concluded, "We proved ourselves, so what's there to debate."

So much for doubting Thomases. The group plans to move ahead and temporarily overlook their shortcomings. They refuse to let any disputes come between them and their talent. The duo says they eventually intend to cross over but will still keep their own flavor. They have a new project that is expected to be released fairly soon, so far the single is temporarily entitled "top secret", because it is.

What I can tell you, is that this project is where their singing capabilities are truly revealed, it's something different. It still has their personal flavor, and is truly a cuisine to the ears. Things look like they are back on the upside and so are their ambitions.

Sports and Entertainment lawyer, Robert C. Holmes gives a few pointers about signing a contract with a record company.

• Before signing any contract understand its contents completely.
• Look into the amount of royalties versus the recoupable costs. Holmes says that nine out of ten times a group expects to receive a certain amount of returns, but the common comeback of the record label would be that your costs exceeded the income.
• Go with a contract that is based on performance instead of a date. You will have the better advantage.

• After signing and making a release, review the record labels Audit Provision books. It will give you an insight on how your sales went, and what percentage of royalties to expect.
• Last but by no means the least, Holmes advises that you include all aspects of your career such as tapes, cd, videos foreign rights, and genre of your music.

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